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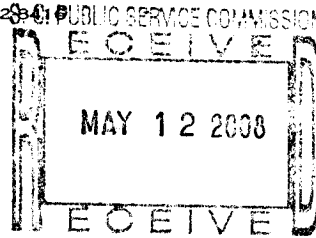
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VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk / Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11649
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RE Application of Alpine Utilities, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges for the
Provision of Sewer Service and Establishment of Additional Rates and Charges;
Docket No. 2008-190-S

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I will be on vacation with my family from September 1-5, 2008 and, therefore, respectfully request the Commission's protection from appearance during that time period in regards to Docket No. 2008-190-S. Additionally, I would respectfully request protection on those dates in future matters before the Commission in which I may file an appearance.

By copy of this letter, I am serving the Office of Regulatory Staff with this request. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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